
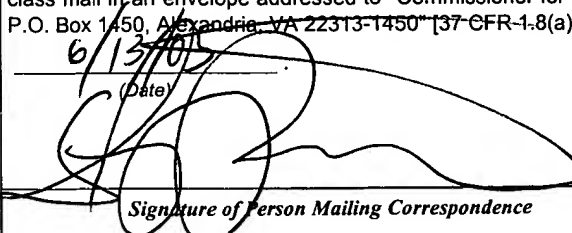


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> IVT.0028US	
Applicant(s): <b>DOMINIK J. SCHMIDT</b>					
<b>Application No.</b> 09/973,579	<b>Filing Date</b> October 9, 2001	<b>Examiner</b> Anh Vu H. Ly	<b>Customer No.</b> 21906	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 2616	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 6017
Invention: <b>OTPE FLEXIBLE PROCESSING SYSTEM</b>					
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<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	20 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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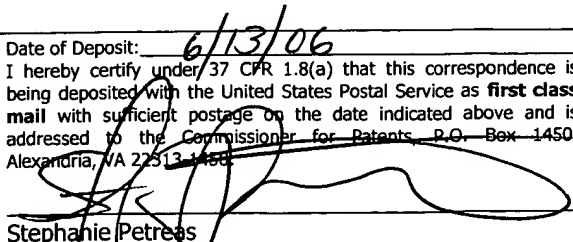
**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 29, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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